

REMARKS

The Abstract is amended as courteously suggested in the Action.

The retained claims are amended above to attend to the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph without narrowing and, thus, without Festo-like limitations even though in response to a statutory rejection, except for incorporating the turn-up roller and for directly supporting the tyre component from the support surface of the support roller.

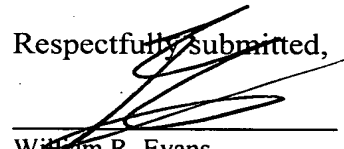
Thus, claim 1 now includes two rollers, the turn-up roller and the support roller. Claim 1 explicitly describes that each of the arms has a turn-up roller (in the first turn-up means) as well as at least one support roller (in the support means for supporting the tyre component). This traverses the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the cited Gutknecht, et al. patent, because it does not.

Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by or under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the cited De Graff, et al. WO publication. However, this rejection is also traversed because, in addition, claim 1 now explicitly describes that the support roller directly supports the tyre component. This is different from the WO publication, where Fig. 3, for example, teaches that the tyre component is supported by the endless conveyor belt 124.

Support for adding the inventive feature of "... directly supporting ..." can be found on page 9, lines 21-23.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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